(a)the total amount allotted in Ninth Five Year Plan for the implementation of the schemes formulated for the development and expansion of textile industry;

(b)the percentage of the amount of the total allotted funds earmarked for mill, powerloom, handloom sectors; and

(c) the total amount so far spent for each sector durmg ihc lapsed period of the Five Year Plan ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) and (b) The Ninth Five Year Plan allocation for the Textile Sector is Rs. 1414.5 crore, out of which 32% and 3.1% are for the Handloom and Powerloom Sectors. The modernisation of organised mill sector is part of the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), which became operational from 1-4-1999.

(c) The expenditure in the first two years of the Ninth Five Year Plan *i.e.* 1997-98 and 1998-99 in the powerloom and handloom sectors have been Rs. 6.53 crores and Rs. 173.5 crores respectively. The estimated expenditure in these two sectors during 1999-2000 is Rs. 5 crores and Rs. 80.92 crores respectively.

Percentage of Textile Production

†2900. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA :
DR. D. MASTHAN :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a)whether it is a fact that textile is produced in the mill, handloom and powerloom sectors in the country;

(b)if so, the quantity of textile produced in each of the said sectors during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000. together with the value thereof; and

„ (c) if the estimate regarding the number of the persons working in each of the above sectors during each of the said years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b) The quantities of textile cloth produced in the mill, handloom and powerloom sectors during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 are given in the statement. {*See* below).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) The number of persons working in the mill, powerloom and handloom sectors are estimated at 1.04 million, 4.1 million and 12.4 million respectively.

STATEMENT

Production of cloth in different Sectors

(Million Sq. Mtrs.)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000(A)
Mill Sector	1948	1785	1587
Handloom Sector	7604	6792	6887
Powerloom Sector	20951	20690	22791

Note :

(A)—Anticipated

Diluting the Jute Packaging Order

2901. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN :
SHRI GAYA SINGH :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a)whether it is a fact that Government have recently diluted the mandatory jute packaging order; and

(b)if so, the details and reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

In view of the start of an indefinite strike in Jute Mills in West Bengal w.e.f. 22-3-2000 and in order to meet the requirement of packaging of essential items namely. Foodgrains, Sugar and Urea, the Government of India considered it necessary to provide relaxation in the Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory Use in Packing Commodities) Act, 1987 and hence amended its earlier Notification dated 1-7-1999 vide Gazette Notification No. SO. 327(E) dated 31-3-2000 for the following commodities to be packed in Jute Bags :—